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SUBJECT: PLO CENTRAL COUNCIL'S COMMUNIQUE

1. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, THERE FOLLOWS A TRANSLATION OF THE COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF THE PLO AFTER ITS AUGUST 25 MEETING IN DAMASCUS. THE TEXT WAS HANDED TO THE AMBASSADOR BY FONMIN PRINCE SAUD.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

AT ITS PERIODIC SESSION OF AUGUST 25, 1977, THE PLO CENTRAL COUNCIL LISTENED TO AND ASSESSED THE EFFORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PERTAINING TO THE PALESTINE CASE IN ALL AREAS. ALSO IT REVIEWED THE RECENT DEVELOPMENTS ON ARAB AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS, INCLUDING SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE'S VISIT, HIS PLANS WHICH ARE ANTAGONISTIC TO OUR PEOPLE'S INALIENABLE AND NATIONAL RIGHTS, THE ZIONIST MEASURES WHICH WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS VISIT AND AIMED AT ANNEXATION OF THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, AND THE CONTINUED POLICY OF LAND SEIZURE AND SETTLEMENT, IN DEFIANCE OF WORLD OPINION AND THE ARAB NATION AT LARGE. THE COUNCIL CAME UP WITH THE FOLLOWING:

1. DENOUNCEMENT OF ALL AMERICAN AND ZIONIST MANEUVERS

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AIMED AT BYPASSING OUR PEOPLE'S RIGHT TO RETURN, TO SELF-DETERMINATION, TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT STATE ON ITS NATONAL SOIL, AND TO A SEPARATE AND EQUAL REPRESENTATION UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF THE PLO. TO THIS END THE COUNCIL REAFFIRMS ITS REJECTION OF ALL ATTEMPTS AIMED AT IMPAIRING THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL'S RESOLUTIONS AND ENCROACHMENT UPON THE ARAB STANCE AS DEFINED IN THE

RABAT AND CAIRO SUMMIT RESOLUTIONS REGARDING OUR PEOPLE'S RIGHTS, ITS REPRESENTATION, AND NATIONAL AND ARAB COMMITMENT TO THE PALESTINE CAUSE.

2. REAFFIRMATION OF THE PALESTINIAN NATIONAL COUNCIL'S RESOLUTIONS AT ITS RECENT SESSION THROUGH THE 15-POINT POLITICAL PLAN, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO RESOLUTION 242 WHICH IGNORES OUR PEOPLE'S NATIONAL RIGHTS AND TREATS OUR CASE AS ONE OF REFUGEES, AND ASSERTION OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S RESOLUTIONS ON THE PALESTINIAN CASE, PARTICULARLY RESOLUTION 3236 AS A BASIS FOR THE PALESTINIAN POSITION AND POLITICAL MOVEMENT. THE CENTRAL COUNCIL CALLS UPON THE ARAB NATION ON THE FORMAL AND POPULAR LEVELS TO ASSUME ITS NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY, COUNTER THE PLOTS OF POWERS HOSTILE TO OUR NATION, AND QUIT THE SPHERE OF HESITATION BY RESOLUTE CONFRONTATION OF THESE PLOTS AIMED AT UNDERMINING THE ARAB LIBERATION MOVEMENT AND LIQUIDATION OF THE PALESTINE CAUSE. WHILE REAFFIRMING THAT THE CASE OF OUR PEOPLE IS THE CORE OF THE DISPUTE IN THE AREA, THE NATIONAL COUNCIL CAUTIONS AGAINST ILLUSIONS BY IMPERIALIST AND ZIONIST PROMISES, AND STRESSES THAT NO JUST AND DURABLE PEACE CAN EVER BE ACHIEVED UNLESS OUR PEOPLE'S NATIONAL RIGHTS ARE ESTABLISHED.

3. THE CENTRAL COUNCIL REVIEWED THE SITUATION IN OCCUPIED PALESTINE. WHILE WARNING CERTAIN CAPITULATIONIST AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SUSPECTED ELEMENTS AGAINST ILLUSION BY THE ZIONIST ENEMY'S PLOTS, IT HIGHLY APPRECIATES THE HEROIC ROLE OF OUR MASSES AND NATIONAL LEADERSHIPS IN GALILEE, THE TRIANGLE, THE WEST BANK, AND GAZA STRIP, AND THEIR RALLYING AROUND THE PLO. THE COUNCIL STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTINUED ESCALATED ARMED AND POPULAR STRUGGLE AGAINST OCCUPATION.

4. THE COUNCIL STUDIED THE SITUATION IN SOUTH LEBANON, AND THE HAZARDS OF CONTINUED AGGRESSION AND ESCALATION OF THE SITUATION IN LEBANON, THE MIDDLE EAST, AND ON THE PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION. WHILE UNDERLING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF CAIRO AND CHTOURA ACCORDS THROUGH COOPERATION WITH THE LEGITIMATE LEBANESE AUTHORITY AND THE ARB TROOPS FOR THE RESTORATION OF PEACE, THE COUNCIL STRESSES THE NECESSITY THAT ALL ARAB POWERS ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY VIS-A-VIS THE ISRAELI PLAN AND ALLIES, THREATENING THE ATTITUDES OF ALL ARABS.

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